

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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Donald J. Zack, *et al.*) Examiner: Wang, Chang Yu
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For: NEURONAL AND RETINAL GENE)
EXPRESSION PATTERNS) Atty. Dkt. No. 01107.00370

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2005, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application Group II drawn to a method of preventing neuronal cell death comprising administering a nucleic acid molecule or a protein in a mammal. This Group encompasses claims 10-19. Applicants elect nucleic encoding NM Mus musculus retinal S antigen.

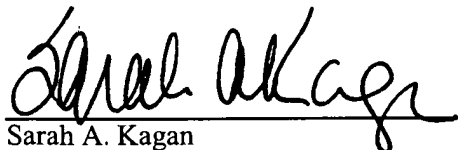
Applicants further elect as a species retinal cell degeneration.

A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this paper. No additional fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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